

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2806 - HB 3264**

February 11, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission to exempt from the Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy (TLETA) any police recruits who have earned a bachelor of science degree in criminal science. Requires such recruits to attend TLETA's transition school.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Revenue – Net Impact - \$105,000**

**Decrease Local Expenditures – Net Impact - \$105,000**

**Assumptions:**

- According to TLETA, approximately 400 officers attend basic law enforcement training each year.
- According to TLETA, an average of 15 percent of each basic law enforcement class possesses a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. This bill will exempt approximately 60 officers (400 officers x 15 %) each year.
- The cost for basic training is \$2,500 per officer. The recurring decrease in state revenue is approximately \$150,000 (60 officers x \$2,500 tuition).
- Those 60 officers will attend transition school, which costs \$750 per officer. The recurring increase in state revenue is approximately \$45,000 (60 officers x \$750 tuition).
- Therefore, the net recurring decrease in state revenue is approximately \$105,000 (\$150,000 - \$45,000).
- Local governments will continue to pay the full cost of any training attended by local law enforcement officers. The net recurring decrease in local expenditures is \$105,000 (\$150,000 basic training tuition saved - \$45,000 transition school tuition).
- According to TLETA, the basic class tuition paid by local governments partially offsets academy expenses. Because TLETA will continue to offer the course, thereby incurring the same operating and personnel costs, there will not be a decrease in state expenditures.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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